

ABSTRACT

A method and an apparatus raise samples ~~are provided for raising a sample~~ of liquid such as water from a low level to a higher level, for example for obtaining a sample of groundwater from a borehole. The apparatus ~~consists of~~ comprises a pair of tubes (14 and 16) extending alongside each other, which are introduced into the borehole, linked by a connector (20) at their lower end, a valve (22) communicating between the inside and outside of one of the tubes (16) near its lower end, and a pig (46) insertable into the tube (16) ~~one of the tubes~~. By adjusting the pressure in each tube at ~~the~~ their upper end, the pig (46) can be moved from one end to the other of the apparatus (10) and used to transfer samples of water.